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New edition of *The College Circuit* now available

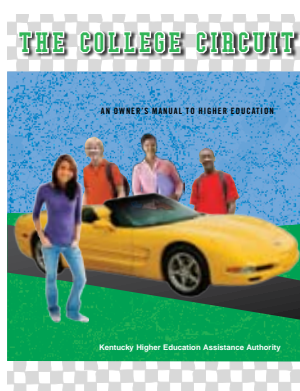
A new edition of *The College Circuit* is now available for distribution to middle school and high school students in Kentucky.

The 36-page booklet is subtitled *An Owner's Manual to Higher Education* and uses an automotive theme to give students information about their college and financial aid options.

"The new edition of *The College Circuit* includes much more financial literacy information," said Susan Hopkins, KHEAA Outreach Manager. "That's one thing that counselors across the state told us their students really needed, so we added six pages that will help students make good financial decisions."

One part that counselors may find especially effective in working with students involves having them select their choices for housing, transportation, food, educational level, etc. The next page asks students to add up their monthly expenses, based on the answers they circled. They can then compare how much they're spending each month with how much they'll make each month, depending on their educational level.

If you're interested in copies of *The College Circuit* for your students, please contact the KHEAA Outreach counselor for your area or call Benita Young at 502.696.7283.



Reminder about scholarship, photo contest deadline

Students from your school have a chance to be featured on next year's covers and inside *Getting In* — and one of your juniors may win a \$500 college scholarship. Here's how it works:

KHEAA will award a \$500 scholarship, usable at a Kentucky college of the winner's choice, to the junior who does the best job of telling us why his or her high school is the best in the state.

Essays must not mention the name of the school or the school's mascot. In addition, someone from KHEAA will travel to that school to take pictures for use in KHEAA publications.

Students from schools featured in the past five years aren't eligible. Those schools are **Boyle County, Trimble County, Murray, George Rogers Clark and duPont Manual.**

Entries must be 200 words or less. They can be e-mailed to publications@kheaa.com, mailed to Publications, KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798, or faxed to 502.696.7574. The deadline for receiving entries is November 1.





Byrd Scholarship applications to be taken beginning December 1

The Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship is a federal-funded program that rewards academically talented high school seniors and GED graduates who show promise of continued excellence in postsecondary education.

The scholarship amount, which may be used at any college or university in the country, is \$1,500 per year for a total of four years, provided the student maintains satisfactory academic progress and full-time status. Each year Kentucky awards an estimated 84 scholarships to high school graduates.

To apply for a Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship for the 2009-2010 academic year, high school students must meet the following requirements:

- Be a legal resident of Kentucky and a U.S. citizen.
- Applied or been accepted for enrollment at a college or university within the U.S.
- Graduate from a secondary school in the spring of 2009 with a 3.5 cumulative GPA and either a 23 or higher on the ACT or a score of 1060 or higher on the SAT (verbal and math components only).
- Be recommended by a school official, such as a guidance counselor.

The number of high school applicants that may be recommended by each school is as follows:

- High schools with enrollments of 1,500 or more may nominate up to 5 applicants.
- High schools with enrollments of 1,000-1,499 may nominate up to 4 applicants.
- High schools with enrollments of 500-999 may nominate up to 3 applicants.
- High schools with enrollments of 1-499 may nominate up to 2 applicants.

KHEAA will be taking online applications for high school students via Zip Access at www.kheaa.com between December 1 and February 1. Counselors must certify applications for eligible students by February 15. Please note that KHEAA receives requests to extend the certification deadline each year because of weather-related school closures, sickness, technical issues, etc. Due to the large numbers of applicants that are being considered for the scholarship and our desire to inform you of winners prior to senior award ceremonies, KHEAA can no longer extend the certification deadline. We ask that counselors complete their certifications as soon as possible in February to avoid missing the February 15 certification deadline. The applications will not be considered in the final judging unless certified.

Your certifier user ID and password is the same as last year. If you have lost your user ID and password, please contact Byrd Scholarship Program Coordinator Beth Lane by phone at 800.928.8926, ext. 6-7229, or e-mail at blane@kheaa.com.